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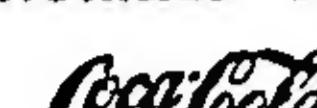
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Uncompromising Reply To Soviet Charges

U.S. MAKES DEMAND FOR INDEMNITY

Washington, Apr. 18.—The United States today charged that Russia had shot down the missing American Navy aircraft over the open sea.

In a reply to the Russian note on the incident, the United States demanded that Russia institute a prompt and thorough investigation.

The United States further demanded that strict instructions should be issued to the Soviet Air Force that there be no repetition "under whatever pretext" of similar incidents.

WORSENED RELATIONS PREDICTED

Washington, Apr. 18.—A severe and continuing deterioration of American-Soviet relations is regarded as inevitable following the United States note to Russia concerning the loss of an American plane over the Baltic.

Russia is expected to reject uncompromisingly the United States Government's account of the incident and the American demands.

Officials would not speculate about what action the United States might take if the demands were rejected.

Observers here were at a loss to explain why Soviet fighters should have gone out into the Baltic to shoot down an unarmed American plane.

One theory was that the plane was carrying highly secret and valuable new electronic equipment which the Soviet military authorities wished to obtain.

According to this theory the Soviet fighters intercepted the American plane over the Baltic and ordered it to land in Soviet-controlled territory.

When the Americans refused to comply, the Soviet fighters shot down the United States plan to destroy witnesses to the interception, the theory runs.

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The Life Raft At Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Apr. 18.—The rubber aircraft life raft picked up in the Baltic on Sunday by the British steamer "Beechland" "may possibly, but not positively, have come from the American Privateer aircraft which has been missing since April 8. American Captain Jack Klinger, who commanded the Baltic search operations for the Privateer, told Reuter.

The raft, brought here today by air from Stockholm, is being forwarded at once to the American Air Force Headquarters at Wiesbaden.—Reuter.

Soviet Plans For East Germany

Washington, Apr. 18.—A State Department official today predicted that Russia would sign a separate peace treaty with Eastern Germany within the next few months.

It must be concluded that Soviet military aircraft fired upon an unarmed American plane over the open sea, following which the American airplane was lost," the note added. "The Ambassador of the United States has been instructed to protest in the most solemn manner against this violation of International Law and of the most elementary rules of peaceful conduct between nations.

"The United States Government demands that the Soviet Government institute a prompt and thorough investigation of this matter in order that the facts set forth above may be confirmed to its satisfaction.

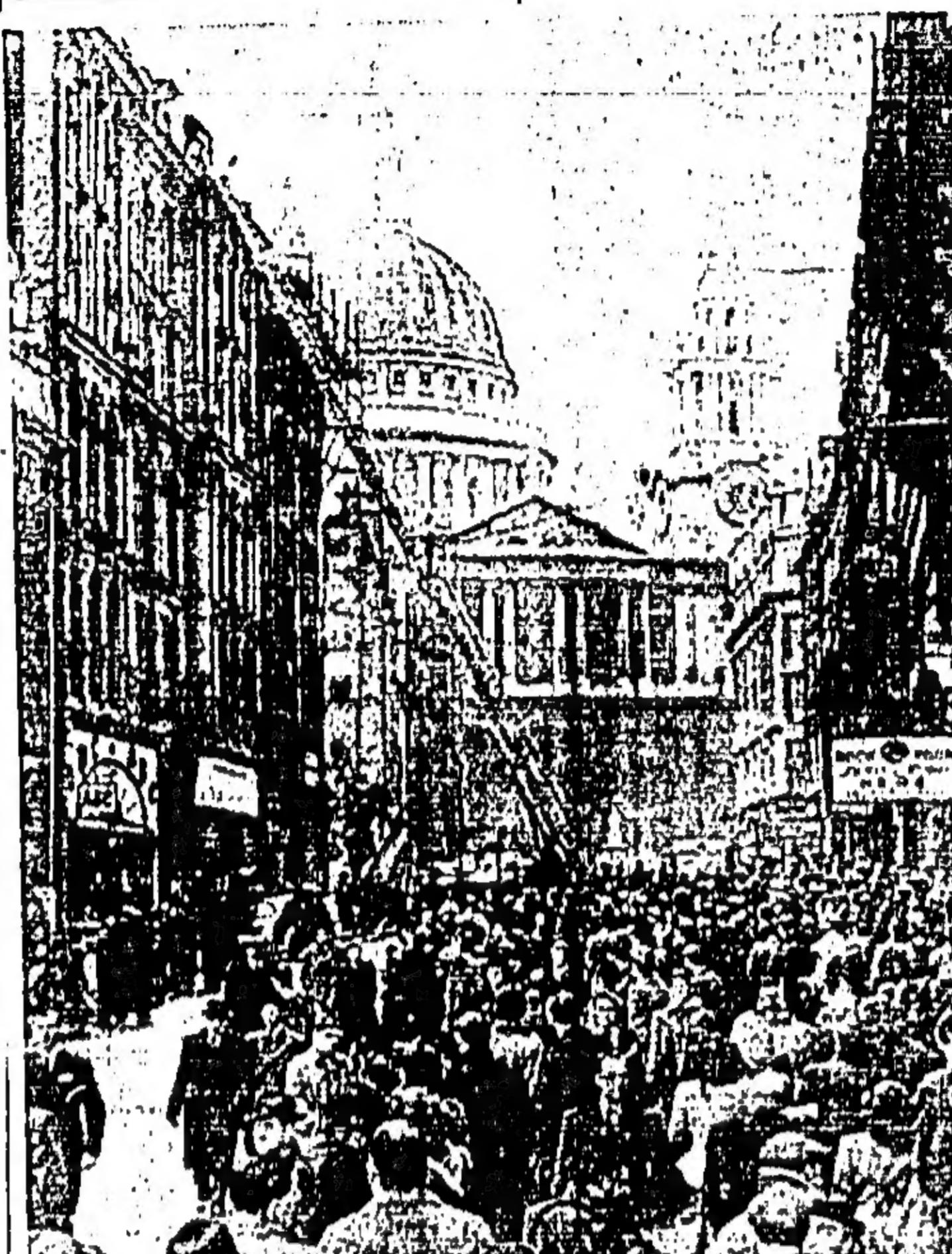
The United States Government further demands that the Soviet is not yet ready to take this step.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

An Illuminating Protest

THREE weeks have elapsed since the Budget in the form of expenditure estimates received the approval of Legislative Council and no official disclosure has been made outlining the final decisions of Government regarding the methods to be employed in raising the additional revenue required. It is, perhaps, far too early to proclaim this as a good sign, but it is interesting in more senses than one. Public opinion expressed itself forcibly in opposition to the Financial Secretary's main proposal, an increase in the Earnings and Profits Tax, and an assurance was given that the original programme would be submitted to further study, giving due consideration to arguments advanced against particular items. For the Financial Secretary, it is a heavy responsibility. Much that he would like to do terminates in disappointment, for enormous as is the Budget, surplus money is not general. His concluding speech revealed a certain amount of sympathy for the attitude of those who looked to a higher salaries tax and that does not render his considered decision any easier. We should, however, feel remiss if we did not say a word more about another line selected as a revenue producer while there may still be time. The meaning of the proposal to impose a tax upon the operators of neon-signs did not immediately sink into minds deeply engaged at the result of concern over salaries tax. Lately, something equivalent to a feeling of dismay has been growing, and with it a solid objection to a more or less petty tax. Grounds for condemnation are numerous. That which dominates the picture for most commentators is the

Big Fire In London



City traffic came to a complete halt in the shadow of St. Paul's the other day when fire broke out on the sixth floor of a Ludgate Hill building and trapped two sisters. Picture shows a general view of the scene. (London Express Service)

Sordid Tale Behind Attempt To Destroy Airliner

Los Angeles, Apr. 18.—A pretty airline stewardess said today that John Grant had told her he expected to be free to marry her a few hours before he planted an incendiary time-bomb on an airliner carrying his wife and children.

However, the 31-year-old aircraft engineer told the police he had no intention of marrying golden-haired Elizabeth Suomela, despite her story that he had courted her for several years and had told her he was separated from his wife.

Grant admitted he built the moon and let me know how it came out."

She added that about a year after they met Grant asked her to marry him. She said she waited patiently for him to go through with divorce proceedings.

STRINGING ALONG

Miss Suomela's romance with Grant was uncovered when the police learned that the car he had used to drive his family to the airport was registered under the 31-year-old stewardess. Contacted by officers, Miss Suomela readily admitted her romance with the aircraft engineer, but said that during the three years she known him he claimed he was separated from his wife and would be divorced.

The tearful stewardess said: "Yesterday morning he told me he was on his way for the final hearing for the divorce. He said he would call me in the afternoon.

Macassar Accusations: Holland's

Pained Astonishment

The Hague, Apr. 18.—The Dutch Government has told its High Commissioner in Indonesia, Dr Max Hirschfeld, to ask for a clarification of an Indonesian Government statement alleging that the Dutch have not fulfilled their commitments towards Indonesia.

The statement, issued by the Indonesian Army, has caused "pained astonishment" in The Hague, according to an official Dutch spokesman.

It alleged that for a second time, with the uprising by Captain Andi Abdul Azis in Macassar, the Dutch had failed to fulfil their obligations under the round-table agreement last year.

It claimed that the Dutch military commander had failed

to bring back deserters to barracks, suggested that only time would tell to what extent this was due "merely to impotence" and asserted that Indonesian confidence in the Dutch was not strengthened by Dutch failures of this kind.

Small reconnaissance units of the Indonesian Army landed today at "several places" along the coast of rebel-held Celebes.

Colonel Kawilarang appointed to command operations against the dissident East Indonesian forces who revolted under the leadership of Captain Abdul Azis, arrived this evening from Medan, where he was formerly North Sumatran commander.

Colonel Kawilarang is expected to establish headquarters at Sourabaya, former Dutch naval base in Java.

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AUTUMN ELECTION NOW WIDELY PREDICTED

The Cripps Budget Causes Sharp Disappointment!

London, Apr. 18.—The Budget speech made by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in Parliament today was aimed at convincing the nation that to avoid the great evils of inflation and unemployment austerity must continue and the general freeze on wages, prices and profits be maintained.

But the immediate Parliamentary reaction to his speech and proposals was one of disappointment. Many politicians declared that it was unlikely to win extra friends or votes for the Government in the autumn General Election which is now widely predicted.

Three union leaders were doubtful about the effect the Budget would have on their followers—whose loyalty to the official wage freeze they have been striving desperately to hold.

Experienced industrial observers tonight suggested that the Chancellor's tax concessions would not be sufficient to stop the rising demands for wage increases.

Undaunted by the Government's precarious hold on power the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, refused to bow to clamorous demands of 5,000,000 trade unionists for big cost of living reductions or to win the middle class by slashing taxes.

A Government defeat on any of the budget's proposals would mean a general election.

Sir Stafford's biggest concession to the nation's 22,250,000 wage earners was an adjustment in the lower rates of income tax, reducing them by one-sixth—but leaving the top ordinary rate intact at nine shillings in the Pound.

The next few years, while we are rebuilding the forces of the Atlantic Treaty along with the rest of our economy, we will be quite vulnerable," he declared.

"During this time, our retaliation forces may be the greatest deterrent to war.

"Later, if our forces for collective security are built up and our retaliation forces—our bombs and aeroplanes—are equalled by another power, then that may be the real danger of our times."

He said that the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty nations must do everything to build up military, economic and political strength and unity and, at the same time, make all efforts that would lead to a permanent peace.

The combination of the North Atlantic Powers, and the principle that an attack against one would be an attack against all, would in time have a "rather persuasive" deterrent effect, General Bradley submitted.

He added that the forces in Alaska now were not strong enough and that he would like to have more troops and air squadrons in that area.—Reuter.

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TRIESTE VOTE
Belgrade, Apr. 18.—Belgrade Radio announced today the election results in the district of Capo d'Istria in the Yugoslav Zone of Trieste.

Of a total of 24,292 voters, 87.8 percent voted for the People's Front, 1.7 percent voted for the Socialist Party and 1.1 percent voted for the Christian Socialist Party.—Reuter.

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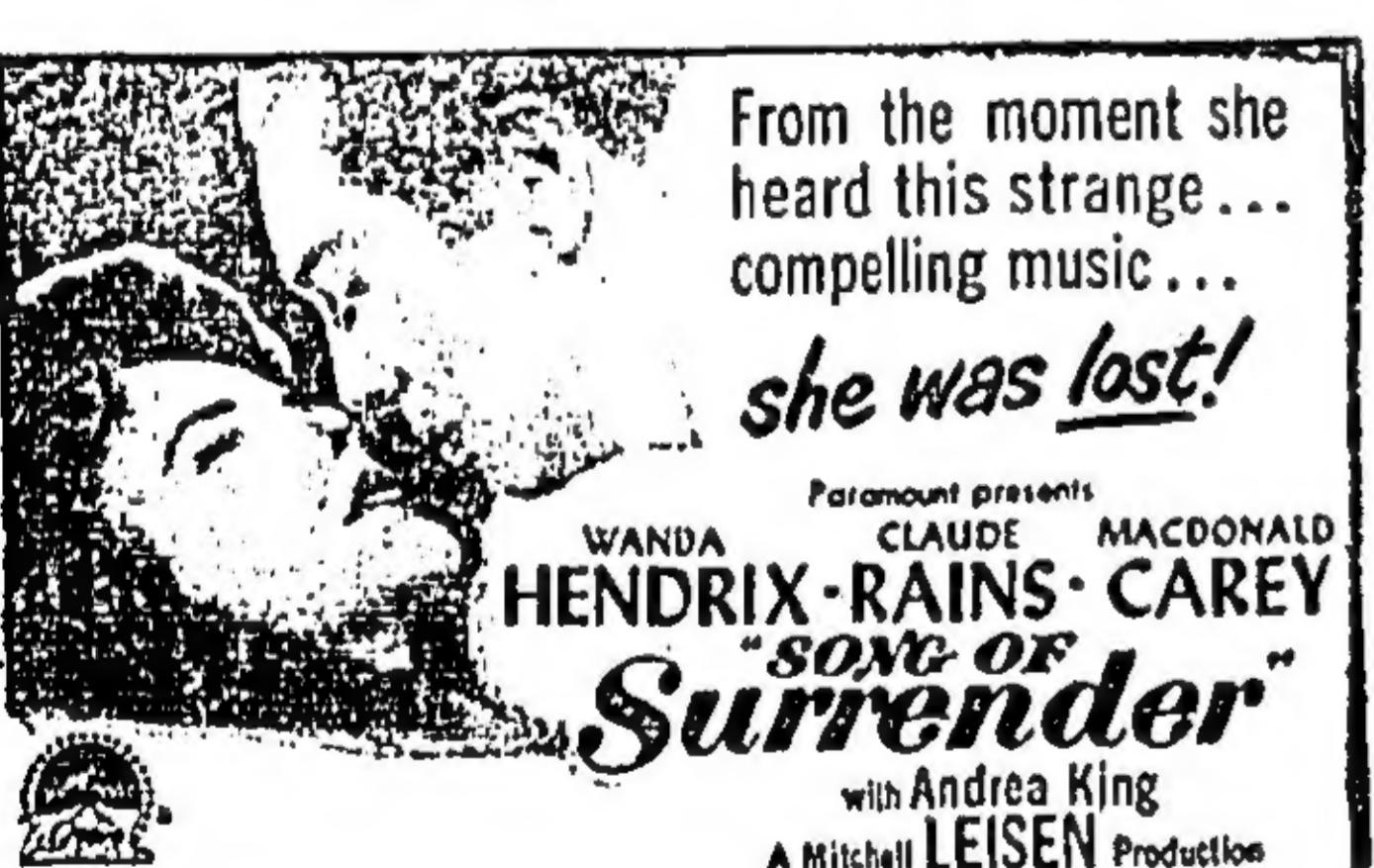
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WOMANSENSE

Choose A Suave Suit For Spring



By ALICE ALDEN

THE SLICK, sleek, well-tailored, well-mannered suit, is always a wardrobe classic. Quite likely a wise woman chooses a suit as her wardrobe backbone, a suit such as this in crisp wool and rayon gabardine, a good wrinkle-resistant mixture. The skirt is straight of line and the jacket has nice pocket details. It can be worn under a coat or on its own.

THE SILK suit, (below) headed on soft, yet simple dressmaker lines is always a good find and appears year after year in all the best collections. Cell Chapman does a beauty, destined to take its wearer through the year in fine style. The suit is of navy blue tissu faille, and the jacket has a double stand up collar, and a plenum that is cut at centre back. The adjustable collar lines are repeated in the cuffs. The skirt is slim.

"I know I'll never grow old," tiny Allene Roberts said, "but I wish they'd let me grow old."

Mica Roberts is 21 and looks it, provided she has a cigarette dangling from her lips and a look of dissipation painted on her face. Otherwise she looks anything from twelve onwards.

You would think this might open a whole array of parts to Miss Roberts. But it doesn't. She's not interested in playing giggling high school girls or somebody's brat sister. She is a highly dramatic actress.

However, there are only a limited number of stories which give teenagers anything dramatic to do. So Miss Roberts wished producers would let her in real age.

Tricks Of Trade

"If I have an interview coming up for a part," she said, "I stay out very late two or three nights and try to look awfully tired. It makes them think I'm older."

She cuts her hair much shorter than she likes it, too. It adds age to her face.

"By adding a full or cutting my hair I can look almost any age," she said. "But who wants to keep her hair line going up and down like a window shade?"

Miss Roberts goes to both extremes of age in Paramount's "Union Station." She plays an adult girl who gets kidnapped. But police searching for her see her in home movies which show her at ages from 13 up.

In the film before that, she played a girl of 12.

"I suppose there are some advantages," she sighed. "When I'm 40 perhaps I'll look 30, and then I'll have the last laugh, but I hope I don't have to wait until I'm 40 to get ahead in movies."

—United Press.

Teeth On Her Head



Fashion study in black and white: Miss June Oakes, seen at the Bagatelle Restaurant, had ivory teeth decorating her black Balalaika helmet.—The neck-hair was boat-shaped and scalloped.

—(London Express Service)

A Disease Caused

By Unhappiness

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

As we all know, happiness is a great tonic. The bad effects of chronic dissatisfaction with life are less readily demonstrated, but now and then we do see disorders which are traceable directly to this cause.

One such condition seems particularly to affect young women. Their chief complaint is shortness of breath, together with a feeling of tightness in the chest and noticeable beating of the heart. Attacks of this sort do not last long, but they may recur on and off for weeks at a time.

These patients frequently consult the doctor because they fear a possible heart condition. Careful physical examination, however, will reveal nothing wrong with either heart or lungs, and questioning brings out the fact that such patients do not become short of breath as the result of exertion, as do those with organic heart disease. Furthermore, the attacks rarely come on when their attention is fixed elsewhere, that is, when they are busy and interested in their work.

Almost uniformly, these women are nervous, over-fatigued, and basically unhappy. These things have undermined morale and made them a prey to unreasonable fears. Often the reassurance of the doctor that nothing is seriously amiss with the heart is enough to banish the attacks, but sometimes help in eliminating severe emotional disturbance is also necessary.

Confidence Necessary

In treating this more serious condition, it is necessary for the physician to gain the patient's confidence and explain to her just what is occurring.

Controlling the breathing at the beginning of an attack, deliberate avoidance of rapid breathing, or holding the breath a little, all may help prevent or break up a threatened attack.

Of course, an attempt must be made to find the underlying emotional troubles and to get rid of them. Any physical disorders must be discovered and treated. With sympathetic and tactful handling by the physician, it is possible in nearly all instances to clear up this kind of disturbance.

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ALL WHITE for tucked-up short chiffon topped by novelty knit, gold-chain striped cardigan is one of the youngest evening types. For dinner at home, two-tone crepes in sargos, skirted separates with elasticized waistbands look both smart and comfortable.

Hands Should Be Handsome



Help keep hands free from roughness, with frequent applications of hand cream. Apply the cream each time you wash hands, making sure they are thoroughly dry first.

By HELEN FOLLETT

Most women must use their hands for more purposes than merely rubbing in soap suds. Rub every bit of the complexion away and dry your hands thoroughly. Use a lotion daily. These milky, semi-liquid preparations disappear almost immediately and you can go about your business as usual. But the lotion alone is not enough. After creaming your complexion at bedtime, give your hands a three-minute friction.

If you hesitate to use the precious face cream and must keep an eye on the beauty overhead, substitute toilet linoleum.

Start at the wrist, rubbing round and round. Thump the back of the hand. Work diligently on the knuckles, especially if you have been doing heavy work around the house. Give the nails a brisk rubbing. Unless they are oiled or creamed now and then there is a chance of their changing in character, and not for the better.

Use a nail brush at least once a day; it makes a more

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"Eye-Appeal" Is Important

"MADAME," said the Chef, "it is my considered judgment that the American cuisine is potentially the greatest in the world. I say 'potentially', that does not mean 'actually'."

"Here we have the greatest variety and abundance of food on this earth. The average American family is better served than in any other country. However, if I may speak frankly, there is much room for improvement in cooking and serving the meals, and in making use of every bit of edible food. That is where our column can be of service."

"For example, the homemaker sometimes goes out to eat in a ten-room restaurant or hotel, and she wishes she could have food with the same glamour and eye-appeal at home."

"But why not? We can give them many suggestions. For one thing, imagine it is the end of the week, and the budget is low."

"What meal can she serve that would have the appeal?"

"Well, Chef, let's suggest this menu."

Dinner
Bowls of Stewed Tomatoes
Paprikash Croutons and
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Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.

At Measurements Are Low
Recipes Serve Four
Bowls of Stewed Tomatoes

With Grated Cheese
With Crispy Topping
With Whipped Cream
With Whipped Cream, a Whipped Cream Topping, or a Scalloped Tomato.

Trick Of The Chef
To prepare paprikash croutons, melt 2 lbs. butter. In a small frying pan, add 1 c. small-diced white bread and slowly fry, stirring until golden brown; all

turn the contents of 1 (No. 2 1/2) lbs. tomatoes into a qt. serving.

DOCTORS OFFER RULE OF THUMB FOR DRINKERS

Moderate drinkers will be happy to know their alcohol consumption is not going to lead them to an early grave. This is the finding of the Medicine department of American magazine Newsweek, which made a special study of the problem.

Shorter Film Kisses

Film kisses are getting shorter. The idea now is just to give the public a preview of what goes on when the camera goes off.

Instead of the 20-second scenes that burned up the screen in the silent days and during the war, directors with stop watches are holding things down to 10 seconds.

"They must wait for the right moment and proper place for anything more," explained Hollywood director Michael Curtiz.

"Everyone knows that when there's a war on any kiss may be the last for a happy pair. People are more tolerant. But, now we have had to readjust our stop watches."

Even in 10 seconds, however, some film stars have been able to convey the idea.

DIETRICH DOES IT

Richard Todd, a reserved Englishman, gets a kiss like that from Marlene Dietrich in "Stage Fright." It took eight seconds, according to the stop watch held by the script clerk.

Steve Cochran has a moment or two with Joan Crawford in "The Damned Don't Cry" and was clocked at 10 seconds flat. "It was anything but flat," Cochran commented when he emerged shattered.

Ruth Roman and Dane Clark go into several clinches in "Barbecue," the longest of which lasts seven seconds.

June Haver and Gordon MacRae kept it down to six seconds. "They know what's good form and what isn't," director David Butler explained. "Otherwise I wouldn't understand to set a time limit for either of them."

"They're Irish, and the Irish are great lovers. Even better than the Latins,"—United Press.

DOGS MUCH MALIGNED

Almost nightly for the past two years 37-year-old Captain Stephen Davidson, formerly of the RASC, and now chief of one of the RSPCA all-night emergency squads in London, has been chasing dogs.

Hardly a night passes without at least one "vicious dog" SOS reaching the Society's headquarters in Piccadilly, but when Captain Davidson answers the call experience tells him he won't find a "vicious dog" but just another maligned canine. These dogs may cause policemen to hesitate, civilians to scatter and telephone wires to hum, but Captain Davidson has tackled hundreds of officially designated vicious dogs and has never been bitten. All he uses is a pair of gloves and much patience.

The lost and wandering dog, says Captain Davidson, generally gets kicked from pillar to post, and ends up by sneaking into some building in desperate search for shelter, peace and warmth. The injured dog usually hides somewhere where he can suffer in silence and lick his wounds.

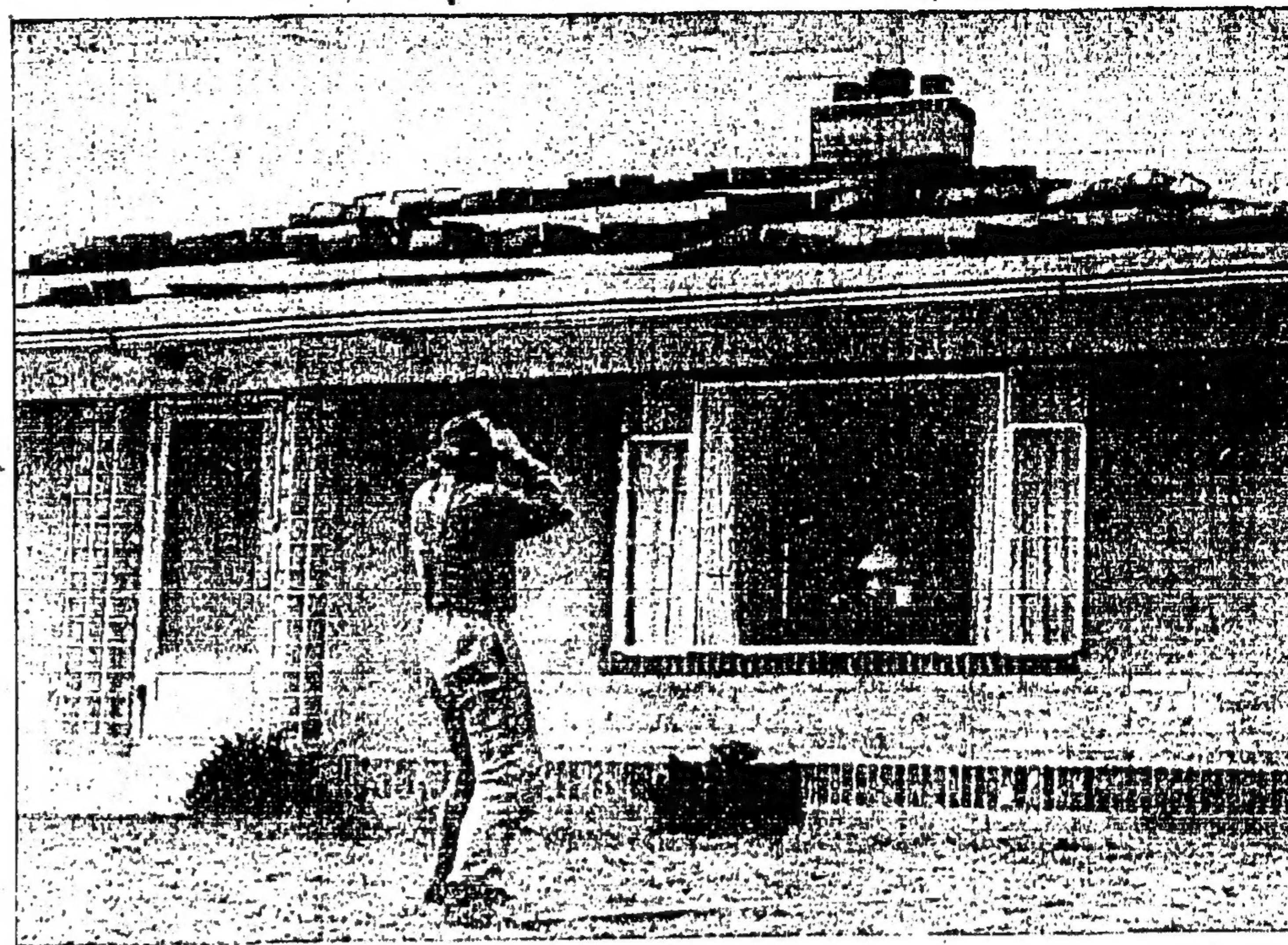
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THIS WEEK—A NEW ADVENTURE WITH WHISPER



ROOF LIFTED BY DUST STORM



Cover Girl Of Year Bars Swimsuit Poses

By GENE PATTERSON

Georgia Hamilton is as handsome as girls come, but she wouldn't dare pose in a bathing suit. "Cheesecake poses would hurt my business," said the 24-year-old beauty, who undoubtedly could do happy things for a scanty swim suit if she would. But she won't.

Georgia is a high fashion model—one of those sophisticated belles who look lean,

hungry and cold flossing the covers of the higher-browed women's magazines.

Did anybody ever see a strip tease pose fronting one of those organs?" "No," said Georgia.

"High fashion is my business," she said. "Let art would put me out of character."

In character, the suburban-hair American model got her picture on more magazine covers during 1949 than any of her competitors, according to the annual trade survey which named her Cover Girl of the year.

COMFORT AT HOME

Her haughty poses which decorate such slick covers as Harper's Bazaar, Charm, Today's Woman and McCall's, were strictly poses. Pictured were strictly poses. Pictured as a really aloof clotheshorse with undulating hips and refrigerated personality, she turns out to be, in real life, a warm, chatty girl with a bright smile, a husband and a two-year-old son.

"I'm a high fashion model, then it wouldn't be smart professionally to be snapped in any other character," she said. "But you can bet your boots I get comfortable when

I'm home. I just lounge around in my old thing."

Another thing Georgia wears must look pretty nice. It just happens that in front of a lens her hazel eyes, oval face and general geography show off high fashion better than other model types, such as "junior," "American girl" and "showgirl."

LIKES HER WORK

The Los Angeles born model married a fashion photographer, Stephen Elliott, four years ago when she just was breaking into the modelling trade. They expect a second child in June. Georgia plans to keep posing right up to the last "head and neck work, you know," she said.

How does it feel, she was asked, to walk by a news stand and see yourself on a magazine cover? She blushed prettily, a surprising manoeuvre definitely out of high fashion character, but this was real life.

"I'm just awful," she giggled. "I feel like stopping people on the street and saying, 'Look—me!'"

Before getting her picture taken in fabulous clothes for upwards of US\$25 an hour and running, a home, Georgia stays busy. To stay pretty, "I just stay healthy," she said.—United Press.

SEARCH FOR OIL



A SENSITIVE geophone is put in position before a man-made explosion as scientists make tests on the Isle of Wight in searching for oil. Early experiments indicate that there is oil under ground, and 32 men of the Seismic Reflection Survey party are undertaking an extensive inspection. (Acme)

FABLED RIVER YIELDS DIAMONDS

Accra, Gold Coast.—Native and European diamond and gold mines are operating in the fabled country near Turkwa, 89 miles north of here by rail.

Prospectors and Africans using primitive tools, have dug out small quantities of gold and diamonds from the Abosom Woraba River, where legend says the wife of the forest god once took her daily bath. "Abosom Woraba" means "Mistress of the Devil," from the goddess.

The legend was believed until a few decades ago, and natives feared to visit the stream at night.

Government sanitary workers have improved the area in recent years, and it is eternally green now—a wide carpet of bahamas grass stretching to the far distance, relieved by undulating hills covered with short hedge plants, and mountains on the horizon.

MORE DIAMONDS

The Abosom Woraba stream itself shrinks to a mere trickle in the winter, the Gold Coast's dry season.

Prospectors here noticed two months ago that the number of diamonds in the soil was increasing. There was no "diamond rush," but the number of sweating prospectors grew to 30, including many women.

The Africans work alone or in small groups, wash the gravel in calabashes, and travel to Tarkwa every day or two to bank their diamonds, receiving advances on rates in London.

CRAMMING his hat on his head, R. E. McConkey, of Topeka, Kansas, watches the shingles on his roof taking off in the wind which reached hurricane velocity during recent U.S. Midwest dust storm. Some deaths were caused. (Acme)

GAOL IS TEEN-AGERS' NEW FAD

Latest fad of bobby-soxers at Atlanta (Georgia) is to visit Murderers' Row in the State prison.

Thrill-seeking teenagers haunt the gaol corridors after school hours seeking permission to see some notorious criminal.

Chief Gaoler Hugh Cromer says: "These girls, many from good Atlanta families, come to the gaol daily with fictitious reasons for visiting the inmates. We can't always tell thrill-seekers from legitimate callers."

The girls bring gifts of candy, food, cigarettes, and stand outside the cells, giggling and whispering to hardened crooks.

Cromer says the current heart-throb of the bobby-soxers is handsome Don Kerligan, 29, a payroll bandit under sentence of death for having murdered his girl friend.

Liner Losing Bandmaster

The Queen Elizabeth is to have a new bandmaster. Mr. Paul Wood, for three years in charge of the ship's 22 musicians, has given up a life at sea. He is 47. Wood has played for many celebrities. One Christmas he led a candle singing choir to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor's suite. An elderly man who listened to his playing every evening was conductor Koussevitsky.

Most of the miners live in the village of Asaman, a mile from the Abosom Woraba River. Asaman is crowded and bustling, women cooking and naked babies romping in the streets. Occasionally a train whistles past.

A little clearing near by serves as a market, where women fry plain tarts and cakes outdo one another with praise of their products in the language of African hawkers.

The native authority receives two shillings in every pound of income from diamonds. The combined yield of both native and European enterprises last year totalled more than 900,000 carats, of which native industry now claims a respectable share.

Chiefs at provincial council meeting last month asked the Gold Coast Government to supply modern machinery to remove tree stumps and top soil and to remove some of the restrictions which now hamper them.—United Press.

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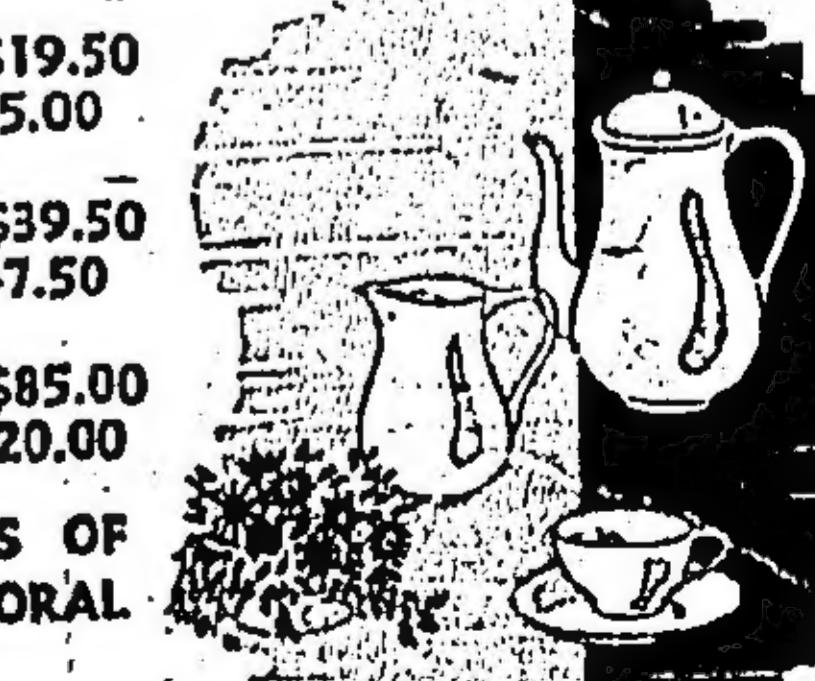
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Germans sing their old anthem

Aid To Malaya Advocated

Sydney, Apr. 18.—Lieutenant-General Henry Gordon Bennett, who commanded the Australian Imperial Forces' Eighth Division in Malaya in 1941, declared tonight that Australian troops should be in Malaya now.

It was better to fight the Communists there than on Australian shores, he said.

Special Commandos should be trained in Australia and then sent to Malaya for further training, he said.—Reuters.

Outlaw The A-Bomb — Congress

Melbourne, Apr. 18.—The Australian Peace Congress, on Tuesday demanded "unconditional prohibition" of the atomic bomb, and branding as war criminal any government which first uses this weapon.

The Congress invited Britain's "Red Dean" of Canterbury, the Reverend Hewlett Johnson, to be the first to sign the declaration, which it hopes will be signed by more than 1,000,000 Australians.

The declaration reads: "We declare that no nation has the right to use the atomic bomb, which is not a weapon of war, but a means of exterminating whole populations. We demand its unconditional prohibition under strict international control. We brand now in advance, as war criminal any government which first uses atomic weapons." — United Press.

Philippines to get U.S. ammunition

Washington, Apr. 18.—Philippine Congressman Ramon Magaysay, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said today that he had been informed that a shipment of ammunition was about to leave here for Manila as part of the United States' military assistance to the Philippines.

Mr Magaysay said he learned this during a conference with Maj-General James Burns, retired assistant to the Secretary of Defence, Louis Johnson, about expediting military aid to the Islands.

The Congressman said General Burns, recalling his tour of duty in the Philippines before the war, expressed deep interest in the problems there and the desire to help in every way possible to restore internal order.—United Press.

Comet Jet To Try Record

London, April 18.—The De Havilland four-jet canister passenger plane will fly non-stop to Cairo later this month in the hope of breaking the six hrs. 36 minutes record, set in February by a Hawker Fury jet fighter. The Fury made a 13-minute halt in Malta to refuel.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It could be a better report card, Dad, but let's not worry about it so much that we get ulcers!"

BUT THE COMMANDERS REMAIN SEATED

Berlin, Apr. 18.—The three Western Commandants of Berlin remained seated this morning when the band unexpectedly struck up "Deutschland Ueber Alles" for the first time since the war on an important official occasion.

The old Imperialist anthem followed a speech by the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, on his first official visit here. Some 2,000 politicians in the audience sang it at the top of their voices.

The Chancellor himself, after his speech, had asked them to rise and sing the third stanza of the anthem as a manifestation of Germany's will to be "a unified, free and peace-loving people".

Berlin's Social Democratic leader, burly Herr Franz Neumann, left the platform followed by about a dozen other Party leaders—but his Party colleague, and Berlin's Lord Mayor, Professor Ernst Reuter, stayed and sang.

Allied High Commission officials in Bonn said that the three Western Commandants had not necessarily expressed disapproval by remaining seated.

The Commandants would not normally rise for the national anthem of a country with which they were still formally at war.

Allied officials also pointed out that this anthem was not banned as such.

Dr Adenauer urged European statesmen to "act as wisely as the statement of the Vienna Congress (13 years ago) who, as a full member of the concert of Europe,

"The West German Government is convinced that it would be right to incorporate West Germany as soon as possible into Western Europe," he declared.

NEVER REST

He pledged himself that he would "never rest until a united Germany is a full member of the European family of nations".

Dr Adenauer also hoped that the promised revision of the Occupation Statute next autumn would reduce Allied control over Germany.

The Chancellor urged Foreign Ministers to make an "intense study of Germany's problems at next month's London meeting."

Dr Adenauer declared, "Even the Soviet Union should accept a plan for European federation if her calls for peace are sincere. Our hearts go out to our 10,000,000 German brothers and sisters in the Soviet zone who are denied freedom."

"The Russians are ill advised to force them to accept a political system they do not like." Reuter.

Aga Khan Jewels Recovered

Marseilles, Apr. 18.—The police have returned at least US\$700,000 worth of jewels stolen from the Begum Khan in a during million-dollar holdup last August, it was disclosed today, but they are holding the \$140,000 "Marquise" diamond as evidence.

The jewellery, recovered in Marseilles last January, was presented to the Begum Khan's lawyer at the Bank of France here. Neither the Begum nor her husband, the Aga Khan, was present.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET

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a small family earning less than £5 a week—who pays no income tax at all.

There are many such in mining and engineering, on the railways and in other industries.

For the lowest paid the best the budget offered was the negative assurances that prices of basic foodstuffs are not likely to rise further because of the continued subsidies.

These subsidies keep down the housewife's spending on basic foodstuffs.

NATIONAL HEALTH

On the need to scrutinise every sanction for new expenditure, he said that supplementary estimated expenditure intended £133,000,000 for the National Health Service, £21,000,000 for defence.

Tipper was not much hope of any immediate reduction in defence expenditure in view of world conditions and North Atlantic defence obligations.

Colonial development and welfare accounted for another £17,000,000 increase and there was also an increase of £17,000,000 in grants and loans arising out of the postwar position in Burma and Malaya.

On the question of wages—a sore point with 5,000,000 trade unionists pressing for increases

—the Chancellor said, "The real difficulty is that there are still some cases of low-earning which are very difficult to correct without upsetting the relative wage levels that have been established within each industry for the different grades and classes of work people in it."

"If we try by catch-as-catch-can methods to advance everywhere and anywhere along the wage front we shall undoubtedly succeed in destroying full employment through inflation."

It was vital that the policy of restraint should not be broken down either with wages, salaries or profits until a better policy had been worked out to replace it.

Mr Anthony Eden, for the Opposition, said that the Conservatives would make their observations on the budget proposals at a later stage.

The House then adjourned.—Reuter.

Remarkable Air Crash

Sydney, Apr. 18.—Three persons escaped injury today when a jet Vampire fighter landing at Bankstown airport crashed into a small training plane, lifting it into the air and carrying it several hundred yards.

Both planes were wrecked in the mishap, which eyewitnesses called the most remarkable sight ever seen at the field.

The smaller plane, Tiger Moth, was blind-flying at the time, with a hood covering the cockpit. Alexander Garrick, its pilot, said: "I thought I was making a good landing when I heard a whistling sound. I thought I'd blown a tyre. Then I felt a jolt. The Moth picked up speed and I saw a Vampire underneath me."

Garrick said he jumped out before either plane hit the ground and he landed on the fighter's wing.—United Press.

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The Bishop says America has abandoned China

Cleveland, Ohio, Apr. 18.—Bishop Arthur Moore of Atlanta, Georgia, today protested against the "abandonment of China" before the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church meeting here.

Bishop Moore recently returned from a South-east Asian tour. He said, "American influence in Chinese affairs is ended for the time being."

Deploring an Asia dominated by Russia, Bishop Moore said it would be "as sad a case as Europe dominated by Russia". "All evidence in my possession indicates the trend is in that direction," he added.

He praised the work of General Douglas MacArthur, who had "transformed Japan from a floundering country into a peaceful nation and made it an American beachhead against Soviet Russia".—United Press.

OWEN DIXON MAY MEET ALI KHAN IN CANADA

New York, Apr. 18.—No definite information regarding the plans of the United Nations special representative in Kashmir, Sir Owen Dixon, has yet reached the Security Council or the Australian delegation.

It was learned, however, that some delay might occur over his arrival and that he might not reach Lake Success before the beginning of May.

The United Nations officially said Sir Owen might spend at least a week at Lake Success studying the record and meeting members of the Security Council and the United Nations Kashmir Commission.

According to present indications, Sir Owen may not reach the scene of the dispute until the middle of May.

The Pakistani Prime Minister, Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, would be then have arrived in the United States on a tour of this country and Canada, and a meeting between the Prime Minister and Sir Owen is considered possible before the latter leaves for the Indian sub-continent.

Meanwhile, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, was preparing to leave for Karachi tomorrow. He has been at Lake Success for the past seven months, having arrived here in the Middle of September last to attend the General Assembly session.

FRUITFUL

Sir Mohammed said he would consider the decision taken by the Security Council as fruitful if it led to further progress in reaching the common objective in Kashmir, namely, the determination of the will of the people by a fair plebiscite.

He expressed the hope that Sir Owen would be proof against the type of new approaches that Sir Mohammed had feared were likely to be made by either party.—Reuter.

U.S. REPLY TO SOVIET

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Instructions be issued to the Soviet Air Force that there be no repetition, under whatever pretext, of incidents of this kind, which are so clearly calculated to magnify the difficulties of maintaining peaceful and correct international relationships.

NO PRETEXT

"The United States Government confidently expects that, when its investigation is completed, the Soviet Government will express its regret for the unlawful and provocative behaviour of its aviators, will see to it that those responsible for this action are promptly and severely punished and will, in accordance with established custom, pay appropriate indemnity for the unprovoked destruction of American lives and property."

TRUE LIGHT

Mr Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, said in a statement when he released the text of the note:

"The American reply corrects

the distortions of fact which the Soviet Government has injected into the incident, and puts the matter in its true light as an attack against unarmed Americans."

"The Scandinavian countries

have been very helpful and cooperative in the humanitarian rescue work undertaken in connection with the disappearance of this plane.

"By contrast, there has not been the slightest evidence of any concern on the part of the Soviet Government over the fate of our plane and its personnel."

"Moreover, the Soviet Government has thus far shown no sign of regret for its attack against the American aircraft. Instead, it has taken an aggressive tone and attempted to justify its action by impossible allegations."

"It has been charged that the American aircraft fired first, when the American plane had nothing with which to shoot and was too slow a craft to attack fighters."

ARMED men escape in rickshaw

Three armed persons broke into a Vietnamese jeweller's premises and wounded the jeweller and his wife when he gave the alarm.

The three persons escaped in a motorcycle-rickshaw.

FALSE CLAIMS

"Moreover, it has attempted further to confuse the issue with false propaganda claims and slanders against the United States in the controlled Soviet Press.

"This attitude of the Soviet Government shows clearly the insincerity of its oft-proclaimed desire for peaceful relations with the United States and the non-Soviet world in general."

"The cause of peace is not furthered when the U.S.S.R. ostentatiously decorates Soviet airmen in a manner calculated to give the impression that they are being rewarded for shooting down a defenceless American plane."—Reuter.

PRAGUE

Czechoslovakia will turn monasteries into social institutions and apartments for workers, the official news agency announced tonight.

It added that the monks and nuns would be "concentrated" in several monasteries, where they would have an opportunity to devote themselves to the true mission of their orders.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

11.30, "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary; 6, "Take It from Here"—With Joy Cowley; 6, "The Story of Jimmie Edwards" (London Relay); 6.30, Max Weber and His Orchestra; 6.40, Hal Lorenz and His Orchestra; 6.45, "Lulu" (London Relay); 7, "Vocal Range" (Programme Presented by Christine Shore); 7, "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 8.15, "Orchestra of the World" (London Relay); 8.45, "Islands of Britain"—"Sally Isles"; 9, "From the Mountains" (London Relay); 9.15, "World Report"; 9.30, "Picture Parade"—A Series of Programmes About British Films; 9.45, "The Third Dimension" (London Relay); 10, "The Mystery Cabaret"; 10.30, Recital by Gledonia de Vito (Violin) and the Philharmonic Orchestra. Conducted by Alberto Zedda; 10.45, "Sweet Lights and Sweet Music"; 11, "The Comedy Harmonists"; 11, "Radio News Reel" (London Relay); 11.30, "Weather Report"; 11.45, "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 12, "God Save the King"; 12.30, "Close Down".

MISSING TUG FOUND

San Francisco, Apr. 18.—A search plane found the missing tug Omay 525 miles off San Francisco today.

A Coast Guard plane, radioed that all six crewmen of the vessel were "safe and well". The vessel had been missing since last Thursday on a "voyage from Honolulu to San Francisco."—United Press.

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Home Football

PROMOTION & RELEGATION STRUGGLES LOOK LIKELY TO CONTINUE INTO MAY

London, Apr. 18.—Intense championship, promotion and relegation struggles look like continuing to the end of the football season on May 6.

Only two points cover six teams any of which can win the Football League Championship, and at the other end of the First Division table it is still not certain which two teams will be relegated to the Second Division.

The outstanding match in next Saturday's programme is that between Portsmouth, the defending League Champions, and Liverpool, who are striving to achieve the elusive double of winning the FA Cup and the League Championship in one season.

Sixty Teams In Tennis League

Sixty teams will compete in the eight divisions of the Colony Inter-Club tennis leagues which are fixed to begin during the first week of May.

This number represents an increase of eight teams over that of last year and is made up by the entries in the new "D" Division, instituted for this year.

The following are the full entries:

Men's Doubles "A" Division

Kowloon Cricket Club, Club de Recreio, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club and South China.

Men's Doubles "B" Division

Ladies' Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Club de Recreio, Craigmonger, Hong Kong Cricket Club, United Services Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, Chinese Recreation Club and South China.

Men's Doubles "C" Division

Ladies' Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Club de Recreio, Craigmonger, Hong Kong Cricket Club, United Services Recreation Club, Chinese Recreation Club and South China.

Men's Doubles "D" Division

Kowloon Cricket Club, Recreio, Craigmonger, Indian Recreation Club, Chinese Recreation Club (three teams), South China.

Ladies' Doubles "A" Division

Ladies' Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Recreio, Craigmonger, United Services Recreation Club (three teams), South China.

Mixed Doubles "A" Division

Ladies' Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Recreio, Craigmonger, United Services Recreation Club, Chinese Recreation Club and South China.

Mixed Doubles "B" Division

Ladies' Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Recreio, Craigmonger, United Services, Chinese Recreation Club and South China.

Moroccan Road Cycling Event

Casablanca, Apr. 18.—Seventy-five riders started today on the fifth Moroccan road cycling tour. The 1,740-mile event, divided into 15 stages, has a strong international field, including the Portuguese aces, Diaz Souto and Fernando Moreira, and the Frenchmen, Guy Lapie, Jacques Moujica and Andre Brule, winner of the event last year.

Moriera rode brilliantly last year, finishing fifth after breaking a pral in the 12th stage when looking a likely winner. The Spanish riders, Ruiz and Fernandez, Pastor, and the Italians, Sassi and Bertocchi, are also expected to give good performances.

Today's stage was an 88-mile stretch, finishing at Mazagan. Reuter.

Italian Tennis Championships

Rome, Apr. 18.—The Italian Lawn Tennis Championships were continued here today. Notable results were:

Men's Singles, (Second Round); Billy Talbert (United States) beat Jean Becker (France) by 6-2, 6-2 and 6-2.

Tony Trabert (United States) beat Misikov (Yugoslavia) 6-2, 6-4 and 7-5.

Women's Singles (First Round); Miss Gussie Moran (United States) beat Miss de Ridder (Belgium) by 6-1 and 6-0.

Women's Singles (Second Round); Mrs. Tony Mottram (Britain) beat Elte Neumann (Austria) 6-3 and 7-5.

Miss Joan Curry (Britain) beat Miss G. Kornfeld (Israel) by 8-2 and 6-3.

Miss Betty Hilton (Britain) beat Miss Jacqueline Marcellin (France) 6-0 and 6-2. Reuter.

Portsmouth's late finishers really has carried them to the top of the League, with a point lead and a game in hand over Manchester United who have a better goal average than Sunderland and Liverpool, all level on points.

CRACKING UP

A strong defence and sharp shooting forwards, plus ground advantage may enable Portsmouth to strengthen their grip with a win over Liverpool, whose players are beginning to show signs of cracking under the strain of their double burden.

Manchester United have a hard task away to Newcastle who, safely placed in the League, may administer a setback to the title hopes of the United whose attack has lost much of its sting.

Skillful Sunderland travel to Huddersfield, where almost free from relevant

Mervyn Wood To Defend Title

Philadelphia, Apr. 18.—Mervyn Wood, Australian and Olympic Single Sculls Champion, will defend the Philadelphia Gold Challenge Cup, emblematic of the World's Championship, against the American Champion, John Kelly, in September.

Wood, who automatically became the holder of the Cup by winning the Olympic title, was challenged by Kelly, holder of the Henley Diamond Sculls, after the Australian had agreed to come to the United States.

The Cup Committee announced that the race would be held on the Schuylkill River in September.

Under the rules, Wood could insist that the event be held on his home course at a date he would select. His acceptance of the offer to race here came as a surprise. Reuter.

KOREANS MEET CHINESE TODAY

The Korean Soccer XI will play their third and final game in the Colony this afternoon, when they meet another Chinese XI on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 3.30 p.m.

On Saturday last, the Koreans defeated the Colony XI by six goals to three, following up this success with a 3-1 win over a strong Combined Chinese XI on Sunday.

V. J. Roberts, the England rugby international, travelling



Soldat Lenfant, centre of the ground, Sims, British Army goalkeeper, and Trend, British Army outside-left, in a mix up in front of the British goal.

British Army Did Well To Hold French To A Draw SAYS ARCHIE QUICK

The British Army did well to hold a clever French eleven to a 2-2 draw on Dulwich Hamlet's ground at Champion Hill, London, in its first Triangular Tournament match of the season. As the Frenchmen had previously beaten the Belgians 4-1 in Paris, the British side must win by better than a score in Brussels on April 26 to win back the Kentish Cup, now in the possession of the Belgians.

The French team, particularly their set of midges, forwards were a grand team at Dulwich and Britain were somewhat fortunate to draw. They owed it to their defence in general and Wilkins (Brighton and Hove Albion), who played magnificently at centre-half. He was the only amateur in the team. On the other hand, the French were all amateurs, but despite their skill, none of them will play for France in the forthcoming Amateur International against Britain at Southampton, for in France conscripts are not allowed to play in civilian sides while they are doing their national service.

After half time it was a different tale. The French rearranged their forward line, and keeping the ball on the ground, gave the home defence a crueling time. Then it was Wilkins' star, and it was only due to his unfailing efforts that France got, but one more goal—this after a quarter of an hour by outside-left eleven. Not a bad record.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton



SPLITTING OF HAIRS ALLEGED AT HKFA COUNCIL MEETING

At a meeting of the Football Association Council last night Mr Mok Hing bitterly attacked the proposed visit of a Sing Tao soccer team to Manila, Korea, Malaya, Saigon and Java.

Mr Mok, supported by Mr Ma Man-fai, did not object to the actual tour, but to the use of the name Sing Tao. They both maintained that the use of a name of one of the clubs which had participated in the competitions during the season would be a better idea.

Mr L. G. Young said that they were "replitting hairs" by objecting to the name. Mr J. Skinner, Chairman, suggested to Mr Mok that the objection was apparently on a personal basis.

INACTIVE

Sing Tao is affiliated to the Hongkong Football Association, but was not taking an active part in the season's games as the First Division is limited in the number of teams.

Mr Ma proposed that Sing Tao be requested to change the name. This was defeated by five votes to two.

A proposal that the team be allowed to leave subject to the associations in the cities which it was intended to visit, agreeing to receiving it, was carried by five votes to two.

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Thirteen ran.

The betting was as follows:

Blue Fox 8 to 1.

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Blue Fox won by three lengths with one and a half lengths between second and third.

Runners and Jockeys were identical to the probable except that Stipendi and Noble Bill did not run. Reuter.

Prince Aly Khan Has A Winner At Epsom

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APRIL HANDICAP

Epsom, Surrey, Apr. 18.—Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, the Ceylon High Commissioner in London, had a winner here today when his four-year-old, Bear Dance, won the April Handicap, run over one mile.

Starting at 8 to 1 and ridden by Charlie Spares, Bear Dance overtook the 100 to 8 chance, Mount Coote, ridden by the Australian, "Scobie" Bresnley, shortly after rounding Tattenham Corner and romped home an easy four lengths' winner from Mount Coote, with an 11 to 2 shot, Highwell, another from Mount Coote, with an 11 to 11 shot.

The stands accounts of all clubs will be investigated very soon to ascertain the position so that a concrete case can be presented to Government for permanent structures.

TEAM FOR MANILA

A specially trained team will be sent to Manila before the visit later in the year.

Club secretaries are urged to make sure that any member who has to appear before the Disciplinary Sub-Committee is the referee's report prior to the date of the hearing.

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The team to play the Koreans today is as follows: Yu Yuet-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Ihsu King-chung, Kwok Yin-keung, Ng Kit-choung, Chow Man-chi, Chu Wing-keung, Chang Kam-hol, Tang Yee-ick, Yiu Cheuk-ying, Lee Tai-fai.

The Rest team is:

Tam Woon-cheuk, Reochi (Capt.) Lai Shiu-wing, Mullin Hayes, Santos Xavier, Lee Chung-fai, Ko Po-keung, Yiu Yiu-lam, Lee Tai-fai. Reuter, Tsang Wai-fok, Yu-wai, Tang Sun, Tang Yu-kit, Chu Mui-chiu. Manager, Mr Gordon.

The Police First XI will meet St. Joseph's at Boundary Street tomorrow and not the Club.

The Junior League match on Saturday at the Club will be between the winner News Vendor, and the runners-up Kitchee.

Players invited to tour with Sing Tao are as follows:

Yu Yuet-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Lee Kam-hung, Chang Kam-hol, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Ping.

CITY & SUBURBAN

London, Apr. 18.—The Royal Jockey, Harry Carr, rides Habib Rahim toola's five-year-old Tracko in the City and Suburban Handicap, to be run over one mile and a quarter at Epsom tomorrow.

The race is timed to start at 3.15 B. S. T.

Twelve probable runners and jockeys are as follows: Tanako (W. H. Carr), Hoc du Diable (W. Johnstone), Hyperbole (A. Bresnley), Iron Duke (Edgar Brit), Periscope III (Gordon Richards), Burnt Brown (J. Sime), Refund (Doug Smith), Witton (EPH Smith), Jacobite (W. Cox), Burnt Grass (T. Reader), Big Wig (T. Mather) and Laverstoke (D. Greening). Reuter.

Rugger Results

London, Apr. 18.—The following were the results of Rugby Union games played today:

Cross Keys 8, Glamorgan Wanderers 8.

Falmouth 5, Cardiff 21.

Telgarmon 8, Plymouth Albion 6.—Reuter.

NEW WINTER SPORTS ITEM



A new item of winter sports equipment, the skil-bob, has been invented by Ernst Reiss-Schmidt, a sculptor and architect who lives at Kiefersfelden, Germany.

Weighing about 15 pounds, it can be easily driven by novices. Here, the inventor and his four-year-old son, Christi, try out the skil-bob which is guaranteed to give the rider plenty of thrills. Express.

Japan Should Be Far East Switzerland

— MACARTHUR

Pleasantville, N.Y., Apr. 18.—Japan should be the "Switzerland of the Far East" and remain neutral in any future war, General Douglas MacArthur is quoted as having said in an exclusive interview with J. P. McEvoy, appearing in the May issue of the Reader's Digest.

McEvoy quoted General MacArthur as declaring that though a peace treaty with Japan "is long, long overdue" the country should not be re-armed.

The Supreme Commander told McEvoy: "Japan cannot possibly raise an Army or an Air Force large enough to protect herself. Besides, the raising of armed forces would attract rather than dissuade aggression. Japan

should be the 'Switzerland of the Far East' and neutral for the same reasons that Switzerland is neutral—no matter which side she might join she would be inevitably destroyed."

On the question of the need for a peace treaty, General MacArthur said: "The Japanese have fully and faithfully observed their surrender commitments. They have disarmed, demobilized and established a peaceful democratic regime."

According to McEvoy, General MacArthur expressed the belief that, the historians of the future will devote more space to the subject of "How freedom and democracy were brought to the Far East" by the United States than to World War II itself. Gen. MacArthur said this achievement was "one of the greatest and perhaps the most singular achievement of our country."

WOULD FIGHT

Asked what would happen after the Occupation ends, General MacArthur said: "If we moved out tomorrow and any group tried to restore the old conditions they would be hanged to lamp-posts. Millions of farmers who for the first time own their own little farms will fight for their land as our own farmers would fight."

Gen. MacArthur continued: "Seven million labourers will not give up what they have won without a desperate struggle. Many of the old crowd are dead, others will be gone in 10 years, and all of them and their works have been thoroughly discredited. The Japanese not only have lost their war but they also lost confidence in their former way of life. It is absurd to think that those leaders of their country would ever again."

On the question of Communism, Gen. MacArthur said: "The Japanese will never accept Communism. It spells Russia to them—and if there is one thing the Japanese know, hate and fear, it is Russia."

He said, when the Japanese repatriated from Russia ignored their families and marched to the Communist headquarters, the Japanese people "were first shocked beyond words, then later completely disgusted. It was a psychological boomerang and a major propaganda defeat."

MOST DEMOCRATIC

Gen. MacArthur said, however, he believed that Russia would respect Japanese neutrality because it would be to their advantage to do so from military expedience.

Regarding democracy in Japan, Gen. MacArthur said: "Now the Japanese Constitution is the most democratic in world. So are the Japanese laws."

On Japan's future, Gen. MacArthur said: "Japan is the natural workshop of the Far East, and for 50 years this could keep all Japanese busy and make them prosperous and happy—unless the heavy hand of war is laid on them."

Asked if he thought war is inevitable, Gen. MacArthur said: "In two previous World Wars there were people on one side or the other who believed they had something to gain by winning. Today the majority of the people in our own country and in Russia, and all responsible leaders, know that no one can gain by another war. If the Russians really wanted war there have been plenty of incidents in the last two years which would have precipitated war at any other time in history."—United Press.

The official statement did not specify which or how many monasteries would be or were being evacuated nor how many monks had been removed to other monasteries.

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ESPIONAGE BASES

"In some monasteries weapons and secret broadcasting apparatus were discovered and many monasteries served as bases for espionage and disruptive activities."

"In order to stop this hostile activity of the Catholic Orders, measures have been taken which will bring these Orders back to their original and true religious mission."

The statement alleged that only few people lived in these monasteries. They did no work but mostly busied themselves with inciting the popular masses.

The empty monastic buildings will continue to serve the needs of the Catholic Charities and social and health purposes. Some will be turned into flats, of which people living nearby are to share," the statement added.—Reuter.

Italian Fleet Manoeuvres

Rome, Apr. 18.—The Italian Fleet will carry out manoeuvres in the Lower Adriatic Sea on Thursday. The Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, will watch the manoeuvres on board the battleship Andria Doria, accompanied by the Defence Minister, Signor Rendolfo Paciardi.—Reuter.

Paris In The Spring



Spring's first blossoms lend a touch of grace to the famous Eiffel Tower in the French capital. Recent showers and some warm, sunny days have awakened the trees and shrubs on the Parisian boulevards, in its parks, and along the Seine. (Acme.)

DEATH SENTENCE ON TWO CZECHS

Prague, Apr. 18.—Two men, said to have been trained in an American espionage school in West Germany, were sentenced to death here today and a third man—identified as an American citizen—was sentenced to 18 years and will be expelled.

CUTTING COSTS IN AUSTRIA

London, Apr. 18.—Sir Harold Caccia, the British Minister to Vienna, and General T. J. Winterbottom, the British High Commissioner in Austria, who arrived in London last night, attended the resumed talks on the reduction of Austrian occupation costs at the Foreign Office here today.

These talks are part of a concerted effort by the Western powers to cut occupation costs in Austria to a minimum in view of Russia's failure so far to agree on the Austrian State Treaty, which would involve a withdrawal from Austria of all occupying troops.

It is hoped that some decision by the Western Powers will be reached within a few weeks.—Reuter.

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